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SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS.

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1. USDEL REGRETS IT IS UNABLE TO TRAVEL TO BUCHAREST FOR TEXTILE NEGOTIATIONS IN ADVANCE OF MARCH 16 TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING. U.S. TEXTILE OFFICIALS HAVE FULL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON FROM NOW THROUGH MORNING OF MARCH 9, AND WILL HAVE TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA ON MONDAY MARCH 14 CONCERNING MFA RENEWAL.

2. OUR UNDERSTANDING AT END OF JANUARY TALKS IN WASHINGTON WAS THAT DISCUSSIONS WOULD RESUME IN GENEVA

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"ON THE PERIPHERY OF" THE TEXTILE COMMITTEE MEETING AND THAT IF FURTHER SESSION NECESSARY, USDEL PREPARED TRAVEL TO BUCHAREST. FYI: WE ARE AWARE THAT WE MAY HAVE TO TRAVEL TO BUCHAREST TO FINALIZE AGREEMENT, BUT FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE RESUME NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH GENEVA ONLY POSSIBLE VENUE FOR USDEL AT THIS TIME. END FYI.

3. PLEASE TRANSMIT ABOVE INFORMATION TO GOR AND REPORT TO DEPARTMENT ASAP IF MARCH 10-12 MEETING IN GENEVA ACCEPTABLE TO GOR. YOU MAY NOTE TO GOR THAT WE WISH TO GO AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IN REACHING A SOLUTION TO OUTSTANDING

ISSUES DURING GENEVA MEETING, BUT IF FURTHER SESSION NECESSARY USDEL REMAINS PREPARED TO TRAVEL TO BUCHAREST.

4. REGARDING ROMANIAN "WISH LIST": ALL PRODUCTS LISTED BY GOR ARE APPAREL, WHICH IS MOST IMPORT-SENSITIVE SEGMENT OF US TEXTILE INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, US SENSITIVITY TO EXPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS FROM ROMANIA IMPOSSIBLE TO STATE IN ABSENCE OF SOME DATA ON LEVEL OF ROMANIA'S EXPORT EXPECTATIONS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GOR COULD PLAN EXPORTS IN A HIGHLY IMPORT-IMPACTED CATEGORY, BUT AT LEVELS WHICH THE US COULD TOLERATE; IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT A HIGH LEVEL OF EXPORTS IN A LESS IMPACTED CATEGORY WOULD BE BEYOND US CAPACITY TO ABSORB WITHOUT IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS. REGARDLESS OF GOR AVERSION TO REALISM, WE MUST AGAIN STRESS THAT A FOCUS ON CONCRETE, REALISTIC EXPORT OBJECTIVES IS THE ONLY APPROACH WHICH CAN LEAD TO MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION IN UPCOMING TALKS.
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